

RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
2323 North Broadway, #107
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Board of Trustees Retreat

Saturday, January 19, 2019

MINUTES

1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

The retreat was called to order at 8:24 a.m. by Mr. Phillip Yarbrough. Other members present were Ms. Arianna Barrios, Mr. John Hanna, Mr. Zeke Hernandez, Mr. Larry Labrado, and Ms. Elizabeth Weber. Ms. Nelida Mendoza arrived at the time noted.

Administrators present during the retreat were Mr. Enrique Perez. Ms. Debra Gerard was present as record keeper.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Yarbrough.

1.3 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2.0 BOARD RETREAT

2.1 Discuss Relationship between Board of Trustees and Chancellor

Dr. Byron McClenney conducted a dialogue with the board relating to the relationship between the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor. Areas covered included the following:

Role of the Board

Dr. McClenney stated that there has been a shift in board responsibility in recent years. The responsibilities of the board now include policy, fiduciary, responsibility toward equity and student success, and the responsibility to monitor the achievement of goals.

It was reiterated to the board that their only employee is the Chancellor and they had a responsibility to communicate their goals/charges and what they expect.

Mr. Hanna noted that the board also directs the work of the General Counsel.

Ms. Mendoza arrived during discussion of the Role of the Board.

Problems

Discussion took place of potential problems board members will want to avoid. It was agreed that clear direction to the Chancellor is the most effective way to get board goals accomplished.

Board members agreed that the following initiatives should be implemented:

- Listening tour at the colleges by the Chancellor regarding the board goals with a report back to the board
- New Board Member orientation by Chancellor
- New Board President orientation by Chancellor

Effective Boards

Dr. McClenney noted that effective boards monitor what is most important to the institution on a regular basis. The Board should provide direction to the Chancellor on what to monitor and the frequency of when reports are provided to the board to obtain the information.

Guided Pathways

The board's role in Guided Pathways was discussed. Guided Pathways is a student-centered initiative and will require the district to be student ready – that is, to insure that students are learning what they come to our colleges to learn and achieve what they come to achieve. Because of the transformational work required of Guided Pathways and the disruption it may cause, it was agreed that a communications plan be instituted to share what is happening.

2.2 Discuss Board of Trustee Goals for 2019-2010 Academic Year and Measures and Milestones Needed to Achieve Board of Trustee Goals within Timeframes

Mr. Perez provided a recap of the process by which the current board goals were adopted and reported that a planning retreat will take place in May 2019 to update the strategic plan. Discussion ensued about board goals and the following board goals for 2019-2020 were agreed upon:

Guiding Principle

The Rancho Santiago Community College District will be student ready and learner focused.

Goal #1

RSCCD is committed to Guided Pathways and an implementation plan for both colleges to be a Guided Pathways college will be completed by fall 2020.

Goal #2

RSCCD will establish a district-wide Guided Pathways task force to support the implementation of Guided Pathways throughout the district.

Goal #3

The Board will revise policy and allocate resources as required in support of Guided Pathways.

Goal #4

The Board will adopt metrics for student success and equity in order to monitor progress.

Goal #5

The Board is committed to working with K-12 and universities to provide seamless pathways for students.

Goal #5

The Board is committed to finalizing the long-term facilities plan for our two college centers in the year ahead.

Goal #7

The Board has an ongoing commitment to the safety of our students and employees.

It was agreed that the guiding principle and board goals would be presented for adoption by the Board at the February 4, 2019 meeting.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, February 4, 2019.

There being no further business, Mr. Yarbrough declared this meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raúl Rodríguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Approved: _____
Clerk of the Board

Minutes approved: February 4, 2019